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A close-up photograph of a man in a tan flight suit hugging a young boy. The man is smiling and looking towards the boy. The boy is also smiling and looking upwards. The background is a clear blue sky.

Welcome home!



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I work with 1,400 patriots

By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane
302nd AW commander

As a relatively young lieutenant colonel I got a call from my wing commander. He said, "I need you to cover a ceremony for me." Under my breath I was thinking why me, but I of course I asked, "Where do I need to be and what do I need to do?"

As it turned out I was awarding three medals to an Army Air Corps veteran who somehow did not get his medals during World War II. As I stood with him in front of his family, to include his grandchildren and great grandchildren, he and I had tears in our eyes as his accomplishments were read. After the ceremony, his son said to me, "He never told me any of that." In the end this modest soldier helped me understand Veteran's Day and the need to tell all veterans thank you.

This week I got a reminder. I met a young Airman named Anthony Pizzifred. He is an active-duty security forces airman who stepped on a past wars land mine in Afghanistan last year. He lost his left leg below the knee. He spent several months recovering and learning to use his prosthesis. After he completed his rehabilitation, he retested and

was allowed to remain on active duty. He has earned his deployable status (of which he is proud) and is again fully qualified for security forces. He is currently a Basic Military Training instructor at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. As he spoke to our group of senior officers I was awed by his patriotism and loyalty. His goal is to go back to Afghanistan to finish the job he started.

These two men served 60 years apart, in separate wars and on different continents, and against different enemies, but they share their love of country and devotion to duty.

I am fortunate to serve with 1,400 other patriots in the 302nd Airlift Wing. We all stand ready to do our duty when called. As we celebrate Veteran's Day, let's remember every member of our military past and present who has stood strong against diverse enemies to keep our shores free. Let's take a special moment to think of all our men and women who are in harm's way right now.

Finally, if you can, take a minute and thank your granddad or your mom, or your son who is serving or has served our country. Sometimes we forget to thank those closest to us.

Pondering the seven wonders of the world

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson
302nd AW chaplain

Ever get something all mixed up? In the pressure of a moment when a question is asked, you come up with what sounds like a great answer only to realize you answered the entirely wrong question. It made sense at the time, but in looking back, at best, it was, well, misguided.

The matronly elementary school teacher

endeavored to quiet her energetic class with a pop quiz. "Make a list of the Seven Wonders of the World," she requested confidently, all the time hoping her students had listened intently to yesterday's lesson.

A little girl in the back row grimaced as she pondered the question. Her perplexing frown reversed itself into a sunny smile as the clouds of bewilderment parted. The

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On the cover

Welcome home!

Maj. Dave Condit, 731st Airlift Squadron, navigator, embraces his son, Douglas, upon returning from Qatar Oct. 18. For more about 302nd Airlift Wing deployments see pages 8-9. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron unit public affairs representative)



UTA Schedule

Next UTA: Nov. 5-6

Dec. 3-4

Jan. 7-8

Feb. 11-12

The next UTA schedule is printed in more detail on page 14. The **Front Range Flyer** is mailed each month to all 302nd Airlift Wing members on file with Personnel Systems. If you are not receiving your magazine, check with your orderly room or administration section to ensure your address is correct.

Enlisted people are priority for new command chief

By Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler
302nd AW Command
Chief Master Sergeant

Just when I thought I had reached the pinnacle of my career! A new aerial port facility, improving manning, years of posturing to get great people into positions of enlisted leadership within the squadron – I was feeling very good about the 39th Aerial Port Squadron and the twilight of my career. Then came the August unit training assembly.

Content to continue my role in the aerial port and the chiefs group, I ran into a force bigger than myself and my own delusions about what was best for the remainder of my care – it was a brigadier general. That being said, I am absolutely excited about my selection as your new command chief.

I have always been a strong advocate of enlisted recognition and our role as noncommissioned officers in the force structure. We play a vital role in every aspect of the military machine, so that not to ensure we have the finest in enlisted leadership by definition is destructive to our success as a Reserve wing and as a viable asset to the war fighting capability of the Air Force. No Reserve wing takes on the pressures we do - the number of aircraft we fly, the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System mission and the number of activations in five years are a benchmark to the command. We keep getting the call because all of you keep getting the job done.

I have been a proud member of this wing since 1987, both as an air reserve technician and a traditional reservist. I have been assigned to the wing staff, operations support flight and the aerial port. As additional duties, I have been the wing network administrator and the vehicle control officer.

I know many of you, your jobs, your facilities, your equipment, your strengths and your weaknesses; those of you who have worked with me over the years know mine.

Here's what you can expect from me: I will fight for everyone in the wing who deserves it. I will work tirelessly on your behalf and advocate your concerns to the commander. When warranted, I will take the battle to

any level required to get an answer. I will never quit until an answer is given, unless relieved of my position or retired.

Conversely, I believe strongly in the Air Force core values and do my very best to live them by example. I am unwavering in issues of compliance. The wear of the uniform and customs and courtesies are not guides open to your personal interpretation. Anything else is contrary to good order and discipline and if that's not important to you, you're in the wrong business, or worse yet, serving for all the wrong reasons.

I hold my fellow chiefs, first sergeants and all senior noncommissioned officers to the highest standard. I won't hesitate to call anyone out for blatant infractions of conduct and appearance, and if in violation myself, expect the same from all

of you.

I will take this job as seriously as I have taken every other opportunity to serve in uniform.

My personal charter for this position is to get out to and visit every shop within the wing within my first four months, starting with this month.

Among my goals are:

- To have a senior NCO call so that we can talk openly about future challenges to the wing.
 - To challenge and empower our first sergeants in their difficult tasks.
 - To work in concert with some of the finest chiefs I've ever worked with to champion enlisted recognition and issues.
 - To make some of our processes smarter versus harder and make better use of our limited time.
 - And occasionally, enjoy each other and continue to make friends and memories that we'll never forget in our lifetimes.
- I look forward to serving you.



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question and answer had become crystal clear – or so it seemed. Her tongue inched out the side of her mouth as with Herculean effort she wrote as neatly as her little hand would let her. She scribed, “The Seven Wonders of the World” in big bold black letters across the top of the page. Then, brushing the loose lead off the wide-lined paper, doing the best she could not to leave any smudges, she got to work as she quietly hummed to herself.

Number one, she contemplated about the first wonder in her own way - “seeing” yes, that’s it. Number two, “hearing” the birds outside the window helped her on that one.

She smacked her lips; lunch couldn’t be too far away - number three, “tasting” she wrote with anticipation. Twirling her hair between her fingers, number four just kind of came to her, “touching” she wrote. Number five she said to herself quietly, “running” realizing she was beginning to have a hard time sitting still. Number six - she was almost done. “Laughing,” that’s it, as she smiled at the girl across the aisle. This test is pretty fun, she mused to herself. And last but not least, “loving” as she thought about her mom and her dad and of course, her cat. Triumphantly she marched to the teacher’s gray metal desk. “All done with the Seven Wonders of the World,” she said with a sigh, putting her paper in the brown wooden basket to be graded.

What red letter grade would you etch on the upper margin of this little girl’s paper if you were the teacher? Did she miss the point or was it the right answer to the wrong question? Would you award her an “A” for insight or was she just going down a bunny trail? How about a little extra credit for creativity just to improve her mark?

In this Thanksgiving season are you having trouble being thankful? Maybe you’re trying to answer the wrong question. Are you up for a pop quiz? If so, take a sharpened, number two pencil and find a quiet place. If you have trouble with tests, a word of silent prayer would be in order. Now, make a list of the “Seven Wonders of the World” in your life. You may be pleasantly surprised about how wonderful your world really is.

New command chief assumes wing duties

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Change is a common occurrence within the Air Force Reserve Command chief master

because Chief Smith received a promotion in his civilian job as a police officer for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.

"I'll be serving as the department's new SWAT team

leader, career advisor and public affairs representative. He's also been deployed all over the world in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and was NCO in charge of one of the security

come a more dynamic organization."

Chief Schueler, who had served in aerial port since joining the Air Force in 1975, and is currently the chief of the traffic management flight at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. in his civilian occupation, said he would continue to enhance the programs of the command chief master sergeant position.

"Being a police officer, both military and civilian, has helped immensely," said Chief Smith. "I've made many friends during my tenure as command chief and was successful in meeting with many of the wing's enlisted members. I think a lot of the programs are

"Chief Smith took these programs a long way. I'm going to take them even further," said Chief Schueler. "I would like for supervisors to be anxious to nominate their airmen and non-commissioned officers for awards. I'm going to bring enlisted recognition to the forefront and make a strong effort to be highly visible.

"I'll use every ounce of tenacity I have to fight for the men and women of this wing," said the new command chief.

Chief Schueler achieved the rank of chief master sergeant in November 1995 while serving with the 39th APS.

"The opportunity to be selected as command chief of this wing is truly the culmination of 30 years of service for me."



Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd Airlift Wing commander, presents Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler with a plaque in recognition of his new position as the wing command chief master sergeant. (Photo by Erica Belcher, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

sergeant ranks. It wasn't any different at the 302nd Airlift Wing during the October unit training assembly when Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler took over as the wing's command chief from Command Chief Master Sgt. Bobby E. Smith.

Chief Smith had served as the wing's command chief since accepting the position in November 2002.

The move was necessitated

sergeant," said Chief Smith, who is well qualified for the position since he served as the 302nd Security Forces Squadron security manager prior to assuming the role of command chief.

Chief Smith joined the 302nd SFS in 1987 and performed various duties including fire team leader, squad

now more formalized and the first sergeants group has be-



Left to right, Chief Master Sgt. Gary Brown, 302nd Security Forces Squadron, security forces manager, Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Smith, 302nd Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, and Capt. David J. Lehrman, 302nd SFS commander, display a presentation from the 302nd SFS during Chief Smith's retirement. Chief Smith was assigned to the 302nd SFS before becoming the command chief. (Photo by Erica Belcher, 21st Space Communications Squadron)



Left to right, Master Sgt. Matt Gostomski; Col. Michael O'Halloran; Col. Francis Mike Mungavin, Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service commander; Senior Master Sgt. George Anderson; Master Sgt. James Fritzen; Chief Master Sgt. Linda K. McElligott; Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander, Air Force Reserve Command; Chief Master Sgt. Jackson Winsett, AFRC command chief; Master Sgt. Mark Cooling; Staff Sgt. Jennifer Tucker; Tech. Sgt. Cathryn Powel; Tech. Sgt. Raymond Luck; Tech. Sgt. Cherri Corbin; Tech. Sgt. Steven Bender. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jacqueline Kabluyen, 4th Combat Camera)

Wing recruiters reap rewards of their labors

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing Recruiting Squadron attributes its success to individual desire and teamwork. It was these two traits which led to the wing recruiters winning the Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Operating Location Award for fiscal year 2005, along with several other awards, in October.

"It's an award based on accessions," said Master Sgt. James Fritzen, lead recruiter for the wing recruiting office. "An operating location can't win this award without a desire to achieve personal goals while working within the framework of a team." Accessions are personnel assigned to or enlisted in the Air Force Reserve that have no effect on the drill pay floor.

The expectations for the wing's recruiting office were established at the beginning of the calendar year when Air Force Reserve Command allocated the office a goal of 221 accessions.

"Each office is given an accession goal to achieve at the beginning of each year," said Sergeant Fritzen. "Two-hundred twenty one was needed as a minimum. We achieved 360 accessions on the year which is 163 percent over the stated yearly goal. It was

the highest overall percentage of accessions in recruiting this year."

"We were one of the first offices in the command to surpass our stated goal as early as June," added Senior Master Sgt. George Anderson, 302nd AW senior recruiter. "Bar none this is the most outstanding group of recruiters I've ever worked with. They're extremely dedicated and self-motivated."

Other 302nd AW recruiters are Master Sgt. David Papizan, Master Sgt. Mark Cooling, Tech. Sgt. Ray Luke, Tech. Sgt. Cathryn Powell, Tech. Sgt. Cherri Corbin, Staff Sgt. Jennifer Tucker, Master Sgt. Matt Gostomski, Tech. Sgt. Steve Bender. Jeff Grzecka serves as the administrative assistant.

The office also won the top recruiting award within the 622nd Recruiting Flight, which is comprised of 14 recruiting offices, as well as numerous individual awards.

"Everyone in the office received individual awards and all of them surpassed expectations for the year," said Sergeant Fritzen. "Everyone in the office received 110 percent awards."

Mr. Grzecka won the "Most Valuable Player" award for Team Peterson.

"We couldn't have achieved the success we did had it not been for Jeff," said Sergeant Anderson. "His work allowed me and

the staff to focus more on recruiting efforts and production."

Sergeant Corbin received the Top 50 award and Sergeant Fritzen won the Century Club award for a second time. Sergeants Papizan, Cooling and Gostomski were Century Club winners as well. The Century Club award is the highest individual award that can be received in recruiting.

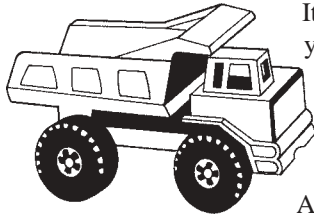
"Century Club awards are hard to achieve," said Sergeant Tucker. "It's extremely rare for an office to have four Century Club award winners, and unique for our office as whole to win the overall award." Sergeant Tucker earned the Rookie of the Year Century Club award in her first year of recruiting. She also won the Rite of Passage chief's award from the 622nd RF chief.

There was one more award to be presented, but that would have to wait until the recruiters returned home. Rai Henniger, senior vice president of Marketing and Promotions for the Colorado Springs Sky Sox Baseball Club, received the Outstanding Reserve Recruiting Support Award.

"On behalf of the 302nd Recruiting Squadron, we'd like to thank everyone in the wing for their support and efforts in helping us achieve our overall recruiting mission," said Sergeant Anderson. "We can't do our jobs unless everyone else is doing theirs."

302nd Airlift Wing annual toy drive begins

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer



It's time to open your hearts – and your wallets, if need be.

The 302nd Airlift Wing Family Support Annual Toy Drive begins with the November unit training assembly. Wing members can donate children's toys and games through the December UTA.

"These items will be donated to wing families in need," said Tech. Sgt. Henrietta

Gilreath, 302nd Mission Support Flight, family support technician. "We have stressed, both at the first sergeants meeting and at the family support unit representative meeting, we want to take care of the reservist families in need first. Especially with the fact we have a large group activated and deployed. Some of those families may be in need more so than ever before."

First sergeants should refer families which may be in need.

"We have asked each unit to decorate a box and place it where the members can see it," said Sergeant Gilreath.

"If someone wants to donate cash, they can. We would buy toys with those funds

for whatever age group we need it for the most." Family support can give units donation cans or units can decorate their own.

This year, a goal of 500 toys has been set, giving wing members something to aim for.

If you know a Reserve family which could benefit from the toy drive or cash donations, or would like more information, contact family support at (719) 556-7678, 6505, or 7951.



Holiday season message highlights importance of life

By Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley
Commander, Air Force Reserve Command

WASHINGTON – As the holiday season and another year approach, let us take time to consider what is really important – family and friends.

During this time of year, we tend to hold our families a little closer, realizing that what we take for granted can change in an instant. We need to remember our friends who have en-

dured great sacrifices or those who have suffered great loss on the Gulf Coast.

It is your realization of what is important, coupled with your dedication to duty, that enables you to serve our great nation so well. You know the price of freedom and you are willing to pay it. I salute those who have deployed in harm's way and supported the Global War on Terrorism, as well as those who have worked so hard to assist with hurricane rescue and re-

lief.

As in the past, we face new challenges in 2006 – aircraft conversions, participation in air and space expeditionary force deployments and mission changes to name a few. I am confident you will once again do our country proud.

Jan and I wish you and yours happy holidays and a safe, joyous New Year. We are proud of you and what you do for America. (AFRC News Service)



Chiefs group preparing for this year's 302nd Airlift Wing holiday party

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

302nd Airlift Wing members and their families will have an opportunity to get into the holiday spirit a little



early this year.

That's due in large part to two groups of people teaming up to present this year's celebration.

"The 302nd Airlift Wing Chiefs Group and Mission Support Group will be working together to ensure

everything is in place for this year's party," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Sanchez, 302nd Maintenance Operations Flight superintendent. "There will be gifts from Santa Claus for the children."

The event will be held in

Bldg. 210, hangar bay 1, on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2-4 p.m. All wing members and their families are welcome to attend the event.

More information about the party will be forthcoming in the December issue of the Front Range Flyer.

Holiday season is time for 302nd AW members to 'Care and Share'

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson
302nd AW Chaplain

The holiday season is

quickly approaching. Traditionally, the months of November and December have been a time to "care and share."

The 302nd Airlift Wing Chap-

lain service team has placed collection buckets for the Care and Share program in orderly rooms. Contributions will be given to those with special needs. If you

feel you have a special need, apply for consideration through your first sergeant.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Parents can teach children about child safety

By Master Sgt. Bob Smith
302nd AW Safety

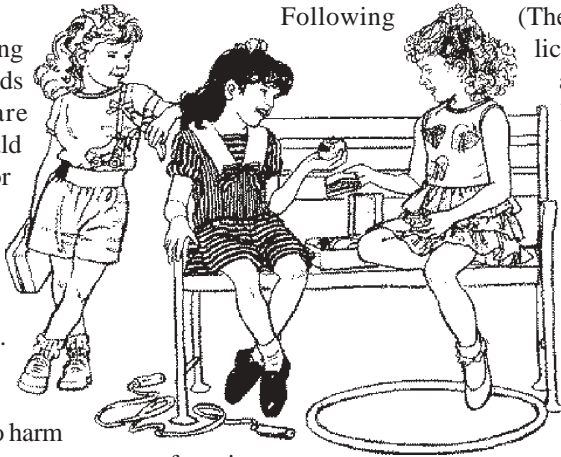
Editor's note – The following article was researched through the Colorado Springs Police Department.

It can be a difficult thing for parents to talk to kids about the fact there are people out there who would want to take them away or even do them harm. As parents, we would love to have our children grow up believing that the world is a safe and secure place.

In the eyes of a child, it's hard to understand that anyone would want to harm them in any way.

One of the most important things parents can do to increase the safety of their child is to talk with their children about the dangers that exist, even role-play various scenarios with them.

Doing this, along with fingerprinting and photographing your child, will let your child know how much you love them and reinforce in their mind the idea of being safe.



Following

are a few tips about child safety:

Always keep an eye on your child, especially in large crowds.

Advise your child not to walk up to a stranger's vehicle for any reason. Role-play this with your

child (i.e., a stranger offering candy or requesting directions).

Show your child how to dial 911. Discuss with your child what an emergency is and when they would use this number.

(The Colorado Springs Police Department will send an officer to any 911 hang-up call where no one can be reached on a call back)

Keep a close eye on children using the Internet. (We teach them not to talk to strangers - why let them do it on-line?)

Provide your child with the names of trusted adults (neighbors, etc.) whom they can go to in the event of an emergency if you can't be reached.

Discuss with your child that if they get lost, find a store clerk and wait with that person until

the police arrive.

Don't put clearly visible nametags on your child's bike or backpack. It would allow a stranger to call them by name, giving them some credibility in your child's mind.

If your child(ren) stay at home by themselves, instruct them not to answer the door and to screen phone calls.

Remind your child that adults do not need help from a child in looking for something like a lost dog.

If your child is in a dangerous situation, instruct them to yell, "This is not my Mom/Dad!"

Make sure your child knows their full name, address and phone number as soon as age appropriate.

Instruct your child that if someone comes into their room late at night, to scream and make noise no matter what the intruder tells them.

Follow general rules for use of portable electric heaters

Portable electric heaters will not be used as the primary heat source for the building and used only when the existing system fails to provide adequate heat.

Only Underwriters Laboratory approved portable electric heaters will be used.

All electric heaters will be equipped with

a tip-over shut-off switch.

All portable electric heaters will be plugged directly into a wall outlet and never into an extension cord or power strip.

All electric heaters will be kept a minimum of 18 inches away from combustible materials when running.

All heaters will be turned off and unplugged at the end of the workday.

Portable electric heater safety procedures will be addressed in the building Fire Protection Operations and Fire Prevention Program. (Courtesy of 21st Space Wing Fire Prevention)

November is American Indians and Alaska Natives Heritage Month

By Tech. Sgt. Tondeleria T. Tull
NCOIC, Military Equal Opportunity

Preserving the cultural heritage and tribal resources of Native American Indians began in 1914 when Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode his horse across the country to ask the state governments for an official celebration to honor American Indian/Alaska Native

people. Today, it's a month-long celebration, now in its second year in Alaska.

On Aug. 3, 1990, President George H.W. Bush declared the first National American Indian Heritage Month.

The purpose was to honor the original people of this land. President Bush called on all Americans to learn more about

the history and heritage of the Native peoples of America. In learning more about the American Indian it shows that we respect their traditions.

The National American Indian museum

was opened in Washington, D.C. last fall. There you can learn their contemporary lifestyle and identities, hear voices tell their his-

tories, gather traditional knowledge that shapes their world, and view some of their art work. Former U.S. Senator Ben "Nighthorse" Campbell has displayed some of his work in the museum.

If you are interested in local events to celebrate American Indians and Alaska Natives Heritage Month contact 302nd Air-lift Wing Military Equal Opportunity at 556-8180.

Did you know?
The second Saturday in May of each year has been designated American Indian Day.

Aerial porters eye possible return date

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing's aerial porters continue to support air

Mobility Squadron, special handling section, at Ramstein AB, "We had multiple military aircraft missions every day, which consisted of upload and down-

zen and perishable cargo.

"Our cargo sections on day shift built multiple pallets of priority shipments going all over the world and handled receipts for inbound shipments off many aircraft. The passenger service section moved troops back to their homes safely, many from the war in Iraq, and got others ready for their next assignment."

While aerial porters were servicing multitudes of aircraft flying out of Ramstein, others were forward deployed to BIA supporting airlift operations in Iraq.

"We loaded a wide range of aircraft including British, Australian and Russian airframes," said Tech. Sgt. Dan Oldes, 39th APS, transportation craftsman. He was home on leave for a week, and was part of the second rotation to deploy overseas.

"The most rewarding part of

the deployment for me was seeing our people train Iraqis to take over aerial port operations once we were ready to leave," said the Sergeant. "They don't have 10 K- and 25 K-loaders to place equipment on the aircraft."

The biggest obstacle aerial porters were facing was the hot weather.

"I had to laugh when I called my wife one day, and she said it was already 92 degrees in the afternoon," Sergeant Oldes said. "It was only 2 a.m. where I was deployed, and the thermometer was already reading 92 degrees."

"They were routinely in category five," added Lt. Col. James Gregory, 39th APS, mobility officer. "Category five is when the temperature rises anywhere from 126-130 degrees during the day."

"While doing engine running off-loads and on-loads one day, base environmental brought out a thermometer indicating the temperature had reached 147 degrees," said Sergeant Oldes. "It wasn't long after that it broke, and was unserviceable."



Staff Sgts. Jeremy Jamison (left) and Ed O'Neil, 39th Aerial Port Squadron, air transportation journeymen, work in the passenger service section at Baghdad International Airport (U.S. Air Force photo)

terminal operations overseas with an eye on a possible return date drawing near.

"We're hoping everyone can be home by mid-November," said Master Sgt. Ron Sutton, 39th Aerial Port Squadron, air terminal superintendent. "We deployed both teams in early January and currently have a team working out of Andrews Air Force Base with another team supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom from Ramstein Air Base." Both teams had been rotating back and forth to Baghdad International Airport.

"Our days consisted of 12-hour shifts starting at 0530," said Master Sgt. Dean Firestien, 723rd Air

load of registered mail, signature service, rations, and chilled, fro-



Tech. Sgt. Daryl Wood (left), 39th Aerial Port Squadron, air transportation craftsman, and Senior Airman Paul Pharris, 39th APS, air transportation journeymen, oversee the loading of aircraft at Baghdad International Airport. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Aircrews support missions around the clock

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

The 731st Airlift Squadron continues to support operations in the Middle East. About 100 members of the flying unit were activated in early October, joining about 60 who were activated in August.

Four aircrews deployed to support U.S. Central Command Oct. 9 to augment aircrews already in place supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa.

"As of Sept. 18 we had already deployed in theater," said Col. Thomas Schmitt, 731st

AS, operations officer.

The 302nd AW is currently serving as the lead wing with the 731st AS providing 50 percent of the airlift support in the theater of operations, while aircrews from Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa., and Niagara Falls ARS, N.Y., are providing an additional 25 percent airlift support each.

"We're providing half of the 18 aircrews and they're flying 150-200 hours a week," said Colonel Schmitt. "That's 10-16 hours a day every other day flying around the clock."

While most of the missions are focused

on providing airlift support out for CENTCOM, two of the nine crews have been forward deployed to accomplish combat drops re-supplying Marines in Afghanistan.

"That's going very well," said Colonel Schmitt.

"Everyone is working extremely hard to support all CENTAF mission tasks," added Lt. Col. Bob Chapman, 746th EAS deployed commander. "Morale is high. The crews are flying long, hard days, and our support troops are keeping everything on track. It's been a tremendous effort so far, and I don't anticipate a letdown anytime soon."

Wing maintainers busy supporting hectic flying schedule

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

302nd Airlift Wing maintenance crews continue to support U.S. Central Command airlift operations. They're part of a three-wing deployment which includes 133 maintenance personnel consisting of the 302nd AW; 913th AW, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa.; and the 914th AW, Niagara Falls ARS, N.Y.

"They've been performing aircraft launch and recovery operations around the clock, 24-7," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Sanchez, 302nd Maintenance Operations Flight superintendent. "For the month of Septem-

ber, our aircrews have flown 1,297 hours and 600 sorties." The maintainers are supporting airlift operations to Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the Horn of Africa.

"Altogether, maintenance crews have been servicing 11 aircraft a day," said Chief Sanchez. "In addition, our maintenance crews have performed associated mainte-

nance repairs that go along with normal maintenance activity."

"We've also had crew chiefs



Senior Airman Rodolfo Ramirez, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, pneudraulic systems technician, repairs a leak on a C-130 utility hydraulic system control panel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Rhiannon Willard, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron)

in Afghanistan as part of a forward operating location," added Senior Master Sgt. Ron Vierling, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, aircraft mechanic crew chief and equipment mobility NCO. "By the number of sorties we're flying daily, it should indicate to you how busy our crew chiefs are over there. They need every available crew chief they can get and we're using all the crew chiefs we deploy."

The mobilization of maintenance personnel was necessitated when the first of nearly 160 wing members from the 731st Airlift Squadron were activated and deployed in late August to provide airlift support for CENTCOM.

302nd SVF member participates in Air Expeditionary Force rotation

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

While many wing members have recently deployed to U.S. Central Command in support of operations in the Middle East, one 302nd Services Flight member volunteered as part of an ongoing Air Expeditionary Force rotation.

"I didn't deploy," said Senior Airman Dianna Perkins, currently assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron at CENTCOM, "but rather volunteered in support of AEF rotation 7/8."

As with many of the wing's members stationed overseas, Airman Perkins has been experiencing some extended work hours.

"Overseas, I'm currently working at the Manhattan Dining Facility," said the Airman. "I'm a shift leader on day shift, putting in 12- to 13-hour work days. Everything I'm doing is different from what I've done at home station, and has been an opportunity to see what the active-duty Air Force does."

Airman Perkins indicated a lot of people were based at her location, many of them in the same career field. She also works along-

side third country nationals.

"The 379th Services Squadron is considered the largest in the world," she added. "Services troops are everywhere and well recognized. Our motto is 'mission first' and the statement stands strong in our daily activities." One of those activities includes escorting third country nationals.

"Escorting and working alongside TCNs has been anything but ordinary, but very beneficial," she said.

Staff Sgt. Lawrence Burns, another 302nd

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How sweet it is

Randi Robinson (left), Peterson Air Force Base Commissary, store administrator, and Paul Grier Jr., Sarvis Inc., district manager, present Lt. Col. Charles E. Chapman, 731st Airlift Squadron, assistant chief pilot, with 25 pounds of candy from Brach's Sept. 21. The candy was flown to U.S. Central Command on a deployment rotation in early October to be distributed within the area of operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Dennis Plummer, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

Wing family support continues to grow

By Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner

Front Range Flyer

With several members deployed from the 302nd Airlift Wing, the Family Support office is trying to find ways to expand its assistance. A meeting during the October unit training assembly gathered unit representatives in an effort to pool their resources and ideas.

The Family Support Group Unit representatives are the acting members who keep First Sergeants and unit family members informed of services when their loved one is deployed.

Tech. Sgt. Henrietta M. Gilreath, a 302nd

Family Support Technician said, "If we can get Family Support Groups going with every unit in the wing, it should help make the wing more of a big family. If we get the groups started before deployments or activations, then the spouse can get to know some of the other families in the units, and when it comes time for the activation they will already know some of the people."

The Family Support Groups are made up entirely of volunteers who are family members themselves, according to Sergeant Gilreath. Activities such as the annual Toy Drive and Wing Family Day are all made possible with the networking of Family Support Office members and the volunteers

throughout the Wing.

"The Wing is in need of volunteers within each unit to join the Family Support Group," says Sergeant Gilreath. "Currently we do not have any volunteers and we are desperately seeking someone who would like to help communicate and organize activities with other families."

"We also are looking for people to volunteer their services when another one of our members or families need something," said Sergeant Gilreath.

Helping out is easy! Anyone who would like to volunteer and donate a day or a few hours of their time each week needs to contact Tech. Sgt. Gaditano at 719-556-7678.

Air Force Reserve Command seeks greater climate survey participation

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force Reserve Command leaders want everyone in the command – military and civilian – to participate in the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey.

The survey runs to Nov. 23.

"Last year was the first time AFRC participated in the survey, and the results were tremendous," said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander. "The 33-percent participation rate sent a clear message that our people are committed to improving the Air Force.

"This year our goal is 100-percent participation across the command," he said.

The purpose of the survey is to make things better for people and their organizations. The survey measures how people feel about leadership, supervision, training, recognition and other aspects of the Air Force. This year's survey also covers enduring competencies such as effective communication, teamwork, judgment and adaptation under pressure.

"Since the survey software protects one's identity, I encourage everyone to be honest

and straightforward in their responses," said Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Winsett, AFRC command chief master sergeant. "The survey data will be as good as the respondents make it. It's our opportunity to stand up and be counted."

The survey can be completed online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer.

Results of the survey will be released in February to unit leaders. (AFRC News Service)

ESGR strives to gain employer support for reservists

By Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins
Front Range Flyer

Editor's note - This is the final installment in a series about the impact the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve can have on a reservist's career.

Employment problems most commonly arise when the service member is returning from extended military absence and seeking reinstatement with their civilian employer. The biggest issues are reinstatement and in what position they should be reinstated in to.

"Employer support varies due to employers not having knowledge of USERRA, although they know ADA and other civil acts," said John Lowrie, an Ombudsman with ESGR and an attorney with Ford and Harrison LLP based in Denver. "Based on this, they take a position contrary to the law. I show them the law and tell them their position is unlawful. Most employers want to comply with USERRA. Also, most employers are supportive

of military issues," he said.

However, there are times, although rare, that the Ombudsman cannot resolve the reservist's employment issue.

"In my personal experience, approximately five to 10 percent of cases I handled are not able to be resolved by me or any Ombudsman," said Mr. Lowrie. "In those situations, the service member has three remaining options:

"1) File with the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service. VEATS deals specifically with military leave issues. VEATS is kind of like the Equal Employment and Opportunity Commission Wage and Hour Division. To file a claim through this channel, the service member completes and files a Form 1010, which causes the Department of Labor to open an investigation. DOL has subpoena powers and can open a formal investigation and initiate a lawsuit;

"2) Get a private civilian attorney and file a lawsuit against the

employer through USERRA;

"3) Do nothing. But this really isn't an option," he explained.

Mr. Lowrie volunteers his time and legal services for the Ombudsman Program in Colorado.

"Being prior military, I was lucky enough to get into the Naval Academy and I received a great education," he said. "Although I served five years in uniform, by volunteering in this program, I can give back more to the community and the nation. Besides, the Ombudsman Program is right up my alley. I'm ideally suited for it. Labor and employment lawyers are extremely beneficial for the Ombudsman Program," he said.

Mr. Fletemeyer measures the success of his state's Ombudsman Program by the number of open cases. The more cases re-

solved quietly or totaling "zero" the better. This is also a contributing factor to his reputation for being such a powerful force in ESGR. "Colorado has the low-

est number of Ombudsman cases and our ESGR staff is young and eager," he said.

Percentage-wise, 50 percent of Mr. Fletemeyer's time is spent doing ESGR work. A percentage of that time is used to brief newcomers to the 302nd during the orientation meetings held on

Saturdays of the unit training assembly weekend. This was identified as a "benchmark" item in the 302nd Unit Compliance Inspection conducted by 22nd Air Force in 2003. Mr. Fletemeyer said he does this because he is the only ESGR State Chair who

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Fred Fletemeyer

Preparing for flight

Maj. Bill Gagen (right), 302nd Operations Group Detachment 1, TG10 instructor pilot, gives the TG10B glider wing a quick look-over as he and Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor, Air Force Reserve Command, NCO in charge, Magazine Division, prepare for a familiarization flight Oct. 18. On Oct. 25, Det. 1, which makes its home at the U.S. Air Force Academy, stood up as the 70th Flying Training Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)



Going for the gold

302nd Airlift Wing enlisted members tack on bars

By 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie

Front Range Flyer

The digital clock's red numbers read 4:30 a.m. and you can't get to sleep. Your roommate, who you met the day before, is sitting up in bed with the same problem. Anticipation of what's to come is overwhelming.

The room is strange, but it's been set up exactly as directed by the operating instructions you were provided. Everything from your toothbrush to your underwear is exactly where it should be—at least you hope so.

Finally, you hear movement outside your window. The door to the day room creaks open as you hold your breath, waiting for what you know will come. Your door shakes and bangs, seeming as though it's going to explode into the room. You knew it was coming, but you still jump at the suddenness. Your life for the next six weeks just changed and you think to yourself "what am I doing here?"

No this, isn't basic training. It's the Academy of Military Science at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.

Several Airmen from the 302nd Airlift Wing have seen their hard work, perseverance and patience pay off over the past year. The payoff was two small gold bars handed to them as they crossed a stage at AMS six weeks after the startling beginning.

The Airmen were commissioned through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program, which allows enlisted personnel the opportunity to get their commission and return to the unit as a second lieutenant. Candidates must meet the commissioning eligibility criteria defined in Air Force Instruction 36-2005. Additionally, they must meet a 302nd AW selection board, which evaluates candidates based on the total person concept. The 302nd AW DACP is governed by 302 AW Instruction 36-2005.

Through the DACP, commanders can convert an officer position to a DACP position. The commander then receives a list of eligible DACP candidates from the Military Personnel Flight Career Enhancement Element. Upon selecting an eligible enlisted member to fill the officer slot, the real fun for the member begins.

Paperwork and training follow with the full process taking anywhere from 10-20 months depending on the availability of positions and training, as well as the individual's schedule. 2nd Lt. Alison Moore, 302nd Operations Group, intelligence officer and former staff sergeant, waited nearly two years after meeting the selection board before she finally received her bars. On the other end of the spectrum is 2nd Lt. Sharon Rice, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, maintenance officer and former staff sergeant, who only had to wait 10 months.

As the paperwork comes to an end, the training begins. AMS is a six week program designed to "empower and commission the finest officers in the USAF."

"The first week of AMS was the worst," said 2nd Lt. F Schnell, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, logistics readiness officer and former master sergeant. However, he added, "the staff at AMS did their jobs in a diligent and professional manner."

"Most of my class was prior NCOs, which I liked," said Lieutenant Moore. She was able to make her commissioning a family affair as her mother, a Navy captain, gave her the oath and pinned on her bars.

"I got a lot out of the classes that

were taught at AMS and really enjoyed the material," said Lieutenant Rice. She added that although it was difficult to sit through so many lectures, the AMS staff did a good job of creating tasks that emulated what was being lectured.

After AMS, the newly commissioned lieutenants return to the wing where they encounter perhaps their biggest challenge—transitioning from an enlisted member to an

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Second Lt. F Schnell, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, logistics readiness officer, unloads bags from a KC-135 in support of the Air Force Reserve Command Commanders and Spouses Conference Oct. 18. He received his commission in June on his 15th anniversary of service. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt Tim Taylor)

Do you know your bad weather phone numbers?

Winter is drawing near and members of the 302nd Airlift Wing and 310th Space Group should know the snow call phone numbers should their unit training assembly be affected by inclement weather.

Peterson Air Force Base is 556-SNOW (7669), and Schriever AFB is 567-SNOW.

Members can change DEERS information online

Members of the armed forces can now go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/index.jsp> if their home address and phone number need to be updated in DEERS. The update may be necessary due to permanent change of station, local move or spouse and/or children separate from sponsor.

The address on DEERS is linked to the information that Tricare receives. It's important to ensure the address in DEERS matches what is on the Tricare enrollment form.

For questions, contact the 302nd Mission Support Flight customer service at 556-7976.

Electronic airline ticket receipt now acceptable

The electronic airline ticket receipt from WingGate Travel is now acceptable for reimbursement on your travel voucher in lieu of picking up the hard copy at the travel office.

Ensure that it contains the ticketing information at the end of the itinerary. It will state "ticketing information" after the estimated cost line.

Holiday catalog offers gifts for every budget

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service Holiday 2005 Exchange Catalog is now available for any authorized exchange customer. It is filled with a wide assortment of decorating ideas

and wish list "must haves" for the family. There are over 300 gift ideas under \$50. It is available at all main stores. On-line, go to aafes.com, usmc-mccs.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com. Catalog prices are valid through Jan. 1, 2006.

Active duty military members, military retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen, Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas, exchange employees and their family members have been authorized exchange privileges.

Airman's Attic open to senior airmen and below

The Airman's Attic on Peterson Air Force Base is open to military members carrying the rank of senior airman and below. You can pick up furniture, household items, baby items, clothing and more at no cost.

The Airman's Attic also accepts donations. To donate items, contact Nona Daugherty at 556-7832.

The attic is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It is located in the dorms of Bldg. 1156.

Wear reflective belts during hours of darkness

Military personnel in uniform are required to wear reflective belts during hours of darkness and reduced visibility.

Using headphones while wearing PT uniform

Wear of headphones is authorized while wearing the physical training uniform during personal fitness and other off-duty activities, except when determined by commanders to be unsafe or inconsistent with operational requirements.

Airmen will not wear headphones while in formation and/or during organized unit PT sessions or during performance of official duties installation commanders (or equivalent) may

further restrict wear if deemed necessary for safety or mission or operational reasons (e.g., jogging in areas where vehicle traffic may be encountered and headphones could limit hearing/awareness).

For deployed members, within the Area of Responsibility the Air Force component commander will coordinate the wear policy with the combatant command to ensure uniformity in a joint environment.

Family support, Red Cross seek volunteer help

The 302nd Airlift Wing Family Support office needs volunteers to assist in the office during the week. Anyone interested should contact Tech. Sgt. Wahini Gaditano at 556-7678.

The American Red Cross also needs volunteers for staff support in their main office in Bldg. 350 and for emergency communications. To volunteer, call Cathy Todd at 556-7590/9201.

Helping hands needed to assist Reserve families

The 302nd Airlift Wing needs volunteers who are willing to assist reservists and their families in a time of need.

This may be mowing the lawn for a pregnant wife whose spouse is deployed or assisting a spouse whose garage door spring broke and needs help getting their car out of the garage to get to work.

Submit your name, what type of help you can offer and your phone number to your first sergeants. They can pass the list on to the family support office.

302nd Airlift Wing seeks family support groups

The 302nd Airlift Wing Family Support office needs volunteers within every organization to help assist in setting up family support groups.

The wing needs these groups

in place even when not activated. When members of the wing are activated the transition is smoother, people will already know each other, and it will give them some connection and bonds when the member is activated or deployed.

Please give the family support office and your first sergeant the name and phone number of the person that will help spearhead this project.

Refunds coming to those who declined SGLI increase in time

The open enrollment period for declining the increased Serviceman's Group Life Insurance ended Sept. 30.

Those members who declined or reduced their coverage between Sept. 1 and Sept. 30 should have received a refund in October.

Members declining or reducing their coverage after Oct. 1 will pay the appropriate premium for their coverage, which will terminate at the end of the month, as usual.

As a reminder, it is illegal to back date an SGLI form. The date of the form must be the current date and the update in Military Personnel Data System must reflect the same effective month.

Activated reservists must report on- and off-duty mishaps

A large number of 302nd Airlift Wing members have been activated recently. As a reminder, should you have an activated member get injured while working out or playing intramural sports, those injuries must be reported to the 302nd AW Safety office using the 302 Mishap Worksheet. Being on active duty, all mishaps, no matter if in an on-duty or off-duty status, must be reported.

The worksheets can be found in the safety folders which are located throughout the wing buildings.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Nov. 5-6

	Time	Event	Location	POC
SATURDAY	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 1600	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
	0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
	0745 – 1630	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0800 – 1030	Spouse/Family Meeting	Leadership development center	DPMFR/6-6505
	0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Meeting	Bldg. 895, Room 203	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg. 1466	LSM/6- 3227
	1000 – 1045	Wing Training Planning Council	Bldg. 895, Room 203	CCX/6-0142
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1100 – 1300	Lunch & a Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
	1200 – 1630	Customer Service Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 895, Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1300 – 1530	Self Aid/Buddy Care Refresher	Bldg. 350, Room 2127	ASTS/6-1132
	1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg. 893, Room 143	HC/6-7428
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
SUNDAY	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 0830	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCC/6-8132
	0730 – 1200	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0900 – 1000	First Sergeants Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCF/6-8307
	1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room	JA/6-8140
	1000 – 1100	Family Support Unit Representative Mtg.	Bldg. 895, Training Room	DPMFR/6-6505
	1200 – 1300	Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg. 350	731st AS/6-7371
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180

✓ **Can't make the UTA but have lodging reservations? Contact Master Sgt. Terry Brassard at (719) 556-4001 or 1-800-446-9624 to cancel.**

✓ **Want an event on next month's schedule? Contact the 302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (719) 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.**

Show support for troops through various programs

With the holidays approaching, thousands of Americans are again asking what they can do to show their support for servicemembers, especially those serving overseas in this time of war.

Following are Web sites for several organizations that are sponsoring programs for members of the Armed Forces overseas.

While it would be inappropriate for the Department of Defense to endorse any specifically, servicemembers do value and appreciate such expressions of support.

Donate a calling card to help keep servicemembers in touch with their families at Operation

Uplink at <http://www.operationuplink.org>.

Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby at <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil> or www.OperationDearAbby.net.

Sign a virtual thank you card at the Defend America Web site at <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>.

Make a donation to one of the military relief societies:

Army Emergency Relief at <http://www.aerhq.org>

Navy/Marine Relief Society at <http://www.nmcrs.org>

Air Force Aid Society at <http://www.afas.org>

Coast Guard Mutual Assis-

tance at <http://www.cgmahq.org>

Donate to "Operation USO Care Package" at <http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html>.

Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/0,1082,0_321_,00.html.

Volunteer at a VA hospital to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts.

Support families whose loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals through a donation to the Fisher House at www.fisherhouse.org.

Reach out to military families in your community, especially those with a loved one overseas.

Please do not flood the military mail system with letters, cards, and gifts. Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the Department cannot accept items to be mailed to "Any Servicemember." Some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember's address, which however well intentioned, clogs the mail and causes unnecessary delays.

The support and generosity of the American people has touched the lives of many servicemembers, over 300,000 of whom are deployed overseas. (Department of Defense news release)



2nd Lts. Sharon M. Rice (left), 302nd Maintenance Squadron, maintenance officer, and Alison L. Moore, 302nd Operations Group, intelligence officer, received their commissions Feb. 18. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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officer.

Not doing tasks, but looking at the big picture, is Lieutenant Schnell's biggest challenge. Lieutenant Rice added, "I'm a very hands-on person and I have to learn to step back and look at the big picture."

A common theme essential to the success of mustangs, as prior-enlisted officers are often called, is the support of leadership at their new unit.

"The senior NCOs and officers in maintenance have been very supportive and I believe that will make all the difference for me," said Lieutenant Rice.

The DACP helps Airmen with potential earn their way into the officer ranks and it provides commanders the opportunity to select the organization's future leaders from those in the enlisted ranks that have demonstrated the ability to lead.

If getting a commission is something you have considered, then "go for it; you don't know if you don't try," said Lieutenant Rice.

You can start by getting on your commander's calendar to discuss your plans, then contact the MPF Career Enhancement Element.

Don't be afraid to ask around either. You may be surprised at how many 302nd AW officers took the DACP path to their commission.

Newcomers

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Staff Sgt. James A. Palmer

Airman basic Fedeliza P. Royx

302nd Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. John E. Jett

Airman 1st Class Naomi Y. Reyes

731st Airlift Squadron

Staff Sgt. John E. Kelly

Airman 1st Class Christopher Linquist

Senior Airman Christopher K. Traut

Maj. Kevin F. White

Airman 1st Class Francis Gahren

310th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Robert Nomura

302nd Communications Flight

Airman 1st Class Aaren J. Strobel

302nd Mission Support Flight

Capt. Joe. D Colunga

Airman Basic Eliana C. Sinizer

302nd Services Flight

Airman Basic Brandy Abrahamsen

8th Space Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Robert T. Roberts

14th Test Squadron

Staff Sgt. Richard A. Brown

19th Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Cory S. Garcia

26th Space Aggressor Squadron

Capt. Adam Rogers

Promotions

Master Sergeant

Joshua F. Burdick

Audra L. Maryland

Technical Sergeant

Jesus M. Diaz II

Matthew G. Youkey

Staff Sergeant

Lawrence C. Burns

Senior Airman

Christopher M. Price

Ronetta M. Sweeney

Airman 1st Class

Christopher R. Brooks

Airman

Susan C. Armstrong

Retirees

Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Smith, 302nd AW

Tech. Sgt. Inocencio J. Sanagustin, 302nd CES

Sharp Troop of the Month

Name: Matthew D. Fenton

Rank: Staff Sergeant

Section: 731st Airlift Squadron Flight Engineering

Job: Flight Engineer

Date assigned: June 2004

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, golfing, water-skiing, all kinds of stuff!

Favorite thing about your job: "It's challenging because there is so much you have to know about the aircraft, such as how it operates, how all the components work together, how it performs. I love flying; that's probably the biggest thing."

Supervisors - Nominate a Sharp Troop. Contact the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil, or call (719) 556-4117, or toll free (800) 446-9624.



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SVF member who accompanied Airman Perkins overseas is also assigned to CENTCOM. The two are expected to return to the 302nd SVF sometime in January.

"For Airman Perkins to volunteer for an AEF rotation indicates her dedication to the 302nd SVF and the Air Force Reserve," said Master Sgt. Terry Brassard, 302nd SVF, NCO in charge of plans and force management. "She's an asset to the unit and makes us all proud."

Reserve families can enjoy
activities & events through Peterson AFB
<http://21svs.com>

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also has a unit liaison job.

"I'm not a 'titular head.' If I don't continue to be involved with the activities of the unit, how can I ask someone else to?" he said.

Mr. Fletemeyer's briefings sprang from somewhat humble beginnings.

"Shortly after I started serving as a volunteer with ESGR, in March 2001, National said President Bush wanted an ESGR briefing for a group. National asked me to give it. I made notes. The group contained many employers and also included eight 2-star generals and one 1-star. A lieutenant colonel, a GS-13, briefed the audience before me. Listening to them, I realized I had prepared the wrong briefing. I coordinated with the slide-flipper to omit every other slide I had for my segment of the briefing and go 'straight through them, one after the other' without pausing. I gave her instructions to 'follow my lead' when I started to speak. She showed the slides as instructed, and the audience had a perplexed look on their faces. I said to them 'she showed you the slides, now I'll tell you what I think. I can't take care of reservists without making employers stand up.' After the briefings were concluded, I was approached by almost everyone in attendance. I was also invited to Washington to address groups there," said Mr. Fletemeyer.

Mr. Fletemeyer's ESGR involvement and advocacy for reservists does not stem from a military career of his own.

"I owe this country everything," he said. "On Aug. 5, 1945, the United States had the courage to stand up. My country used two weapons (his brothers). I owe this country everything."

Vets parades set for Nov. 5

The 302nd Airlift Wing will be participating in parades honoring military veterans in Colorado Springs and Pueblo on Saturday, Nov. 5. Both parades begin at 10 a.m.

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day

Originally called Armistice Day, Veteran's Day is a day to honor war and military veterans.

It originally commemorated the German signing of an armistice to end World War I. On Nov. 11, 1918, the armistice was signed by the allies and new German government.

After World War II, a movement began to change the holiday from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day. It was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on June 1, 1954.



Meet the president

Tech. Sgt. Candi R. Joy, U.S. Northern Command information manager, presents President George W. Bush with a flight suit from North American Aerospace Defense Command. The president visited Peterson Air Force Base Sept. 23-24 to monitor Hurricane Rita from the USNORTHCOM Joint Operations Center. Sergeant Joy works as an aircraft inspector for the 302nd Maintenance Squadron in her Reserve capacity. (Photo by Marine Sgt. Maj. Scott Frye)

General Myers retires; General Pace takes JCS helm

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld hosted an armed forces farewell tribute and hail ceremony in honor of Gen. Richard B. Myers, the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, 16th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Sept. 30 at Fort Myer, Va. The ceremony concluded with a joint service pass in review and flyover.

General Myers completed more than 40 years in uniform. He was appointed the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Oct. 1, 2001, and reappointed to a second two-year term in 2003.

General Pace is the first Marine to hold the nation's highest military position. He has served as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff since Oct. 1, 2001.

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